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none; steamship *Hispania*, crew, 22; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, May 27, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended May 26, 1902:

Population according to census not obtainable.

Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 2. Prevailing diseases, malarial in character. One of the above noted deaths was a soldier, and due to malarial fever; the other (female), traumatic septic fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. During the past week about 1,500 Government troops have been brought to this place, principally from Panama. Some have been placed on the different islands near this point. I am told by their attending physician that quite a number (about 50), located at Old Bank, on Provision Island, have chills and fever, and about 10 have dysentery. Of this number reported sick only about 15 are unable to perform duty. Owing to their having come from Panama. I have made especial inquiry as to any infectious or contagious diseases.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: May 22, steamship Alabama, crew, 19; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. May 25, steamship Kitty, crew, 20; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

PAUL OSTERHOUT,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COSTA RICA.

Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Port Limon-Fruit port.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, May 29, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended May 29, 1902:

Present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 2. Prevailing disease, mild type of malarial fever. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week has been good. The 2 deaths noted above were due to, respectively, asphyxia neonatorum, of a white

female, and an adult colored male from tertiary syphilis. The last 2 cases of yellow fever developing May 20, heretofore reported, have been discharged from the hospital here. No case of said disease is now

known to exist at this port or in the immediate vicinity.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: May 22, steamship Olympia, number crew, 37; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. May 23, steamship Taunton, number crew, 22; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. May 25, steamship Beverly, number crew, 39; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. May 26, steamship Allene, number crew, 41; number of passengers from this port, 14; number of passengers in transit, 24; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.

The Surgeon-General,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, May 20, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to transmit the following report of transactions in the district under my command, for the period from May 17 to May 20, 1902:

Five deaths occurred in this city. Of these, 2 occurred in the civil hospital. Causes of death as follows: Tuberculosis, 2; endocarditis, 1; meningitis, 1 and remittent fever, 1. Death rate per annum per 1,000 inhabitants, 20.28. Five vessels inspected and passed, granted pratique; 1 vessel admitted without inspection; 6 bills of health issued vessels prior to departure; 14 alien steerage passengers inspected and allowed to land, and 1 vessel (steamship *Uto*) disinfected prior to departure for Galveston.

Casilda.—Acting Asst. Surg. Alejandro Cantero reports 4 deaths in the city of Trinidad during the period to May 20. No contagious diseases reported. Health of port, good. Nine vessels inspected and passed, granted pratique; 7 bills of health issued vessels prior to departure, and no alien steerage passengers landed at that port during period.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro M. Quevedos' reports have been delayed; will be forwarded upon receipt.

Respectfully,

FELIX GIRALT,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U.S. M. H.S.

The Surgeon-General,

U. S. Marine Hospital Service.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, June 2, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to respectfully forward reports from the substation at Santa Cruz del Sur, for the period from May 10 to May 19, 1902: Santa Cruz del Sur.—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro M. Quevedo, for the week ended May 17, reports no deaths, no contagious diseases; 7 vessels inspected and passed, granted pratique; 10 bills of health issued vessels prior to departure, and no alien steerage passengers landed at that port.